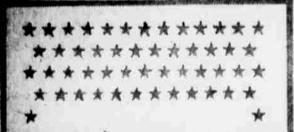
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CONVICTS TO THE COLORS.

TUDGES occasionally arouse our ire by giving convicted culprits their choice between prison and entering the army or navy, as if our country's service were a sort of punishment, instead of a most honorable careet. And now comes Mrs. Ballington Booth with the suggestion that certain carefully selected inmates of our penal institutions be enlisted in the army or navy. That is a somewhat different plan than the judges mentioned have followed. If Mrs. Booth's proposal should be accepted, the men selected would not escape the punishment for their offenses. They would at least have paid the penalty of incarceration, and served a part of the sentences imposed upon them. They would know the difference between prison discipline and army discipline, and better appreciate the latter.

Punishment, however, is only a part of the purpose of the criminal code. To reform offenders, particularly those who will be again released to mingle with society at large, is of even greater importance. And to those who have shown, by proper conduct and repentant mood, a desire to mend their ways, this war offers large opportunities, should they be given their chance in its ranks of fighting men. For here is opportunity to serve for the greatest cause against the fiercest foe the world has ever known. The man who measures to such a test has made good in a large way, and has endeared himself to the hearts of his countrymen so they will not ask his antecedents farther back than the date of his enlistment. For such a man no stigma or taint of prison servitude will linger. For him the way will be open to take his place in honorable peace as he has in righteous war.

If care is used in this proposed selection, it might effect most desirable result. It is not desirable that hardened criminals be sent to mingle with our fine young men who bear the nation's arms, but there are many in prison who aren't of that type; many who are honestly patriotic, and anxious for a chance to heat back to respectability. Ours is a democratic army, and it will not be damaged if such men are given the chance they seek.

America is becoming the world's greatest ship-building country, our new connage having surpassed Great Britain's for May.

THE HEALTH SURVEY.

EVERYONE should assist as much as possible in the health survey which is started here today. Those who re ignorant of sanitation will be taught. Those who have neglected it are due for stern reminders. Sufferers from infectious diseases who haven't had proper care, may get it as a result of this survey, and healthy folk be better safeguarded against the danger of such disease. Foodsupplies which are carelessly stored and handled will receive better care when this investigation ends, and interesting facts about milk and water supplies will be made known. All for the general good and the conservation and upbuilding of health. The health of a community should always be jealously guarded, but now, with so many nurses and doctors gone to war, and with inereasing calls on our man-power, the need of such protection is increased and emphasized. Health is an asset, one of the greatest. Sickness is a liability, besides the cause of suffering. Most of the sickness comes from preventable causes, and in the elimination of such causes this survey will play an important part.

The education of some men is sadly neglected. For instance, if the kuiser had ever been a harvest hand, he wouldn't have been so crazy about a place in the sun.

FAIR PRICES FOR FOOD.

THANKFUL for small favors or the prospect thereof. ultimate consumers will welcome Mr. Hoover's order for a nation wide move to reduce food prices by standardizing methods of compelling the observance of fair price lists. That lengthy sentence is somewhat hazy and lacking in detail, but thus the good news is set forth in a Washington dispatch, which adds that price interpreting committees, consisting of wholesalers, retailers and consumers will be established. In advance it seems probable that such a committee will have difficulty reaching an agreement, and that the consumer member is likely to bring in a minority report contrary to the views and estimates of the merchandising members. That belief is based on the theory that it would be difficult to induce any grocer to admit that he is or has been addicted to profiteering

But there is a firm conviction among consumers that they are being exploited to some extent. One thing the know is that prices are unusually high, and another is that they are higher in some stores than in others. They know enough of business transactions to know that the dealer charging the lowest prices isn't in trade for philanthropic purposes, and will therefore fight to make the fair price list at least as low as the lowest. Just how the fair price list is to be enforced is not made clear in the advance notices, but we are optimistic enough to believe that, if the consumers are persistent and aggressive they may accomplish something, and every little bit helps.

Relief from profiteering was one of the earliest prom ises of the food administration, and doubtess it has saved us something on sugar and something on wheat but food prices in general are much higher than when it started operation, and there is a widespread feeling that it hasn't delivered the goods as it should. The latest scheme will cause no revolutionary or startling reductions, but may help enough to warrant the effort. And if it is possible to beat down the price of provisions somewhat, the plan should be extended to include shoes and clothing As briefly outlined, it seems improbable that this plan can stop profiteering, but if it reduces it a little it is worth

MAKE ESPIONAGE UNHEALTHY.

PPARENTLY the federal authorities have nabbed a nest of spies in New York. That is refreshing news, people are convinced there are too many such agents abroad in the land. But what will be done with them after they are caught is of more concern. Of course something will be gained if they are lodged in some luxurious detention camp for the duration of the war. But such slaps on the wrist will not discourage others who are still on the job or likely to enter that field of endeavor. On the contrary, such mushy methods encourage others to go and do likewise. The Hun must be answered by force, as the president has said, and that force should apply to the snakes who serve the kaiser in civilian garb. as well as to his fighting legions. So long as the custom of treating spies like honored guests continues, we shall have a continuance of munition explosions, incendiary fires and poison propaganda. Making an example and subject for target practice of a few of them would tame the others more than loads of loving kindness. This war is not a tea party, and Americans owe it to themselves to apply stern measures to spies. Any other course means needless sacrifice of American lives and property.

A WASTED EFFORT.

DEFENDING the I. W. W. strikes us as the most futile effort, and the defender places himself in the same class as those offenders against this nation and its cause Such a defense is contained in a pamphlet entitled "The Truth about the L.W. W." The truth about the L.W. W. generally known so that no further brochures need be circulated to hamper a postal service already overworked. The I. W. W., even in this defense, doesn't claim to be patriotic. It is, by its own admission, composed mainly of floating laborers, and it may be said parenthetically that they float more than they labor. Such creatures this organization would have run the country, and, of course, they would run it into the ground, as they did Russia. Such an organization is to be condemned on its own statements at any time, but right now, when it doesn't hesitate to practice sabotage in industry, oppose the draft and openly preach anarchy and defiance of the government, it is a real menace. There are two kinds of citizens now, patriots and traitors, and no one has ever accused the I. W. W. of patriotism. After scanning this volume of defense, we are more convinced than ever that the movement should be sternly dealt with wherever encountered.

There is a reasonable amount of air in New York and environs, but, aside from that, there is little indication that our celebrated metropolis will be subjected to air

-His Column

Phew!

It's too blamed hot to stir or roam, Remarked old Mr. Totter. But in the kalser's future home Til bet it will be hotter."

Mercy!
"It says here that New York spends \$1,000,000 a day for drink," said Mr. Subbubs as he looked up from his news-

"Isn't that terrible!" exclaimed Mrs "If they spend that much a day, just imagine what they spend at

Where to Go. Vacation spot for saving men. They'll fin Economy in Penn

Paw Knows Everything

Paw, what is an altruist? Paw-An altruist is a man who car ies an umbrella all day and is glad isn't raining because other folks naven't umbrellas with them, my son.

Why?

Some days the pin will shine," said Dan
And some tays it will rain;
Out tell me, whe men, if you can,
Why is the weather vane."

"A farmer has it all over a ctiv man, aid the Big Town Visitor. "Yes," replied Farmer Meddergrass 'He lives an independent life from I m until 4 a m.

Extremes. From one extreme to the other," said

"A woman will go, that is true; he hairpin she yauks from up She uses to button her shoe."

Ho, Hum! The Sadd Brothers are dispensing

oft drinks to the sad public in dr Charleston, W. Va. Yum, Yum!

Talking about chickens, Ima Teens Fowle lives at Frys, Wash.

No Joke.

'Divorce court records you should scan To find,' said Mr. Dove. 'That marriage turns a love-sick man To one who's sick of love.' Luke McLuke.

Divorce court records you should scan To find," said Mr. Day, That many a decent man at home Is far from one away."

Gosh!

Some men use cuss words when they are peeved, and others use gentler expressions. But what we started to say

A Toledo Boarding House.

John Carpenter runs a boarding house, Sam 19umber came to stay. But John found Plumber bit the pipe, And hustled bitm away. The other boarders are quite punk

Oscar Watters is always drunk, J. Henry Tramp is tired. Graham Cracker oft is broke. Tom Cannon's often fired.

Walter Shoe soon got the boot, Will Haker had a bun. Poor Hazry Clock he had no weight Of course he had to run.

Even if it is hot we want to notify

Bedad! We never met A. Harp, of New Paris thio. But if he isn't Irish, why isn't

Names Is Names. B. Slye lives at Miamisburg, Ohio

Our Daily Special.

Good Judgment Always Shows Up Shout An Hour Late.

Another Soiloguy.

Ball Crank pre licts that at some fu

ture date some melancholy chap who is today a youthful admirer of Luke's iunk will find Luke's skull in a graveyard and will deliver this soliloguy; "Alas, poor Luke! I knew him well Hauckatio! A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy. He hath borne gatton in a can a thousand times Here hung those lips that glasses have kissed-no matter how oft. Where be

your jibes now? Your gambols? Your

Luke M'Luke Sidelights on War Moves

F AN AMERICAN had forecast a day when the United States would lead the merchant marine of the world, any time before the present hour, he would have been branded as a nincompoop blusterer of the type that argued in 1912, that the United States could whip any country in the world with an army of a million men that would spring up overnight.

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Without any boasting promises of the future, we have set about to build enough ships to mass and maintain an army of 5,000,000 men abroad and in the doing of this tremendous task, we may conceivably pass Great Britain and reach first place as a cargo carrier before 1920.

The graph published herewith is taken from the British admiralty's May chart of the shipping situation, which was opto-

The lines show the rapidly mounting angle of new ships for the United Kingdom, allied and neutral nations and the Now the important fact about the chart in this discussion is that the United States is the biggest factor in the lines representing the upward curve of allied and neutral shipping produc-

We have twice as many steel and wooden ship building ways as the United

Kindom, a fleet program of twice the sire, and resources at hand which dwar the ship building power of the British Empire in its fourth year of war. There is nothing anti-British in this comment. I have no doubt that there

is a flat understanding between the allies regarding the economic effort. The United States can do more to save the entente by the ship building route than most of us imagine and is the only nation hig enough to cope with the stupend ous program of Messers. Hurley and Schwab.

In May the United States delivered 263,571 tons, or as much shipping as was built in the United States during the entire year 1914. Great Britain in May produced 197,274 tons. Great Britain's best month of production during the war is 252,511 tons. We went over the record of the premier maritime nation of the world in the fifth month of our ship production program. Our fleet building is cumulative. Much time was devoted to building yards and ways. Hundreds of keels were laid down at the same time. The ribs rise in yards in Seattle, Galveston and Hog Island on the Atlantic simultaneously. As the summer progresses bigger and bigger numbers of ships are ready for the

to present plans, we will put nearly a million tons in the water. The fact that five government departments have prepared contracts for eighty-nine concrete ships demonstrates that the concrete ship has passed the experimental stage and that the moulded and poured vessels will be an im-

finishing touches. In one month, October or November of this year, according

portant factor in devitalizing the submarine.

It takes days to build a concrete ship where it takes weeks to build a wooden or steel hull. Think of producing ocean carriers by quantity production after a fashion of the making of concrete blocks with which to build a house That is exactly what is going to be done. A 7,5(8) ton concrete ship already has been poured in one 24 hour day. The possibilities of the concrete ship, run in standard moulds which will make for extreme speed of manufacture are with-

Production exceeded destruction in May. In spite of the sally of the submarine on this side of the Atlantic, the figures for June will show the impotence of Tirpitz' boasted weapon in even plainer and more eloquent figures.

Frank Simonds is bidding for the title of the American Repington with his dreadfully pessimistic anticpitations of the evacuation of all of France north of the River Somme, the abandonment of Calais, Boulogne and Dunkirk and all the channel country, in order to give the allies the men necessary to hold the line until winter. Remembering the defense of the channel ports by a mere handful in 1914 and 1915, I simply cannot bring myself to believe that such a retirement is more than highly improbable. There is no great disparity in numbers between the antagonists today. The new German attack has proven that the lines cannot be held lightly. General Foch must abandon the thin line and the fat reserve for the lean reserve and the heavy line. It is unlikely that another surprise between the sea and Rheims will cut in 10 or 20 miles. have more confidence in the unity of the allied command, in General Foch and in our moving millions, than Simonds expressed in his Sunday review in the

Any doubt as to the intention of the Hun to pound out the whole line from Arras to Rheims into one salient was dispelled yesterday when he resumed the attack, at last striking between Montdidier and Noyon, the pivot and northern limit of activity in the fighting of the last two weeks.

We may depend upon it that there will be no penetration here like that of The whole activity of the recent battle bears witness of the massing of a big force by Foch in the Compiegne area where it can work on Favoille' old lines to present a defense equalling that of the battle of Picardy in March.

M. Bear, of New Philadelphia, that Corn Fed's chamber and tell her, let even know? her tight lace herself a thousand times, to this favor she must come, and make her laugh at that."

Luke McLuke Says

It is a good thing that all of our rayers are not answered. If they were, he angels would want to come down here and live.

They have improved on everything ise ever invented. But there hasn't been an improvement made in kissing ince the first man met the first maid. Dosen't it make you weary when a fellow can't answer a simple question without making a speech? And are

you quite sure that you are not that kind of a fellow? The world is getting more sense about some things. There was a time when the Boy who remained on the Burning Deck until he was destroyed was regarded as a Hero. But if attempted that stunt today he would

be regarded as a dern fool. The American woman seems to cultivate every virtue save that of Frugrowler? Your songs? Your flashes gality.

When a bewhiskered man reforms he

eaves a mustache or a goatce for seed. Did you ever add up your talk? An

mest man sat down the other day and hat he used in talking were super-lous. And he wasn't any Gabby Gabe

Fly swatting is a splendid indoor But the amazing supply of raw naterial always discourages a lazy

You can whitewash a guilty man's haracter, but the black will soon show

brough again. If a woman has a perfect figure and perfect complexion she is prone to

rget to say her prayers, because she asn't anything to pray for.

Every man would be a success if he aly knew as much at 50 as he thought knew when he was 25.

After glancin over a newspaper, and eeing all the sure cures advertised or everything in the form of patent medicines, an ordinary man wonders the poor doctors ma age to make

Old Stories

Twenty Years Ago.

Editor L. G. Gunn of the El R News and Miss Carrie Wattson s narried this week.

Stroud is to celebrate the Fourth. uly. Ed Overholser is secretary paving limmy Brogan is the finance com tee. It will be a success.

Dr. Maupin visited Yukon yester

Dr. Buxton of Guthrie arrived in

ity yesterday for a short visit.

Fifteen Years Ago.

ditions

Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Brown left y erday for Ohio. They will visit rel tives and friends at Troy and oth points before returning.

World's Fair clubs are organizing th attend the St. Louis exposition next on

Mrs. 1. F. McKin will leave Friday or Vancouver, B. C., to spend the sum-

Franklin Lindsay of Dublin, Texas, and George F. Lindsay jr., of Durant, T., are guests of their parents on

Ten Years Ago-

Mr. and Mrs. Petty of Paoli, Kantho have been the house guests of their daughter, Mrs. MacGregor, Douglas r the past ten days, have returned

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gist and daugher Edwina of Fairfax, are visiting Mr. nd Mrs. W. A. Broeck of 700 East Ninth street. They will remain several

Miss Helen Richardson, Miss Frances Threadgill and Miss Gertrude Ryan were unable to leave for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the national reunion of onfederate soldiers owing to the coninued high water. Miss Richardson was sponsor for Oklahoma and Miss Threadgill and Miss Ryan, maids.

Mrs. Daughtery and Miss Fannie Daugherty of Urichville, Ohio, are visi West Twelith street.



PEACE TALK.

T fills my soul with sorrow, that men must light and kill today and yet tomorrow, and more tomorrows still; dren, maying, with laughter filled the I'm weary of the story of shrieks and dying groans, of weapons red and gory, of graves and dead men's bones, And yet I'd hold it treason to boost for har in a roar? Not one now to mock diced. But isn't it a fact that you halmy peace; it's surely not the season our avalanches of men have crushed to foe, no doves with olive branches will ever gets a clean shave. He always have the slightest show. Until we're done with shooing the Prussian off the walk, the dove that comes a-cooing is due to meet a shock. The prace that igured that 80 words out of every 100 leaves the Junker of Prussia still on deck, would be a whole lot punker than war and death and wreck. We had to leave our having to polish off the Hun, and now we'll go on slaving, until the job is done. We had to quit our farming, desert our growing crops, and there'll be no disarming while yet a Teuton yawps. A half licked Hun would never forsake his dreams of power, and he'd be worse than ever in less than half an hour. And so no gents or ladies can talk of peace to me, although the war is hades that's multiplied by three.

Lines Worth Remembering.

The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. They are one now in faith, in hope, in fraternity, in purpose, and in an invincible patriotism -William McKinley.

MUTT AND JEFF-Even in the Submarine Zone Jeff Must Have His Little Joke

By BUD FISHER

